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TAGS: CASC, RP (JONES, CHARLES)
SUBJECT: W/W CHARLES JONES

1. SUBJECT CAME TO PHILIPPINES RECENTLY TO SEEK ASSISTANCE OF FAITH HEALER IN CURING WHAT IS REPORTED TO BE TERMINAL CANCER. HE CAME WITH HIS WIFE ON BUDGET ROUND-TRIP TICKET ON PHILIPPINE AIRLINES. APPARENTLY, CURE WAS NOT EFFECTIVE AND THEY WISH TO RETURN URGENTLY TO U. S., BUT NEITHER PAL NOR PANAM CAN HONOR BUDGET FARE TICKET UNTIL LATE SEPTEMBER AT EARLIEST.

2. SUBJECT'S DAUGHTER, CARON JONES, E3 IN NAVY AT CUBI POINT NAS, APPROACHED EMBASSY ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF MED-EVACING FATHER TO U. S. AND WAS VERY DEMANDING ABOUT HER RIGHT TO DO SO AND URGENCY OF HAVING TO DO SO. AS PRELIMINARY TO DECISION IN THIS RESPECT, EMBASSY ASKED OPINION OF LOCAL DOCTOR RECOMMENDED BY RMO. THIS DOCTOR REPORTED THAT JONES WAS FULLY CAPABLE OF TRAVELING COMMERCIAL. WHEN DAUGHTER WAS INFORMED OF THIS, AS WELL AS OF NECESSITY OF PAYING FOR EXPENSIVE MEDEVAC FLIGHT, SHE BECAME HYSTERICAL AND QUESTIONED WHAT EMBASSIES DO FOR AMCITS. APPARENTLY, FAMILY USED ALL FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR BUDGET FLIGHT AND CLAIM CANNOT AFFORD EVEN AUGMENTATION OF TICKET TO FIRST CLASS, WHICH WOULD GIVE MUCH BETTER CHANCE OF GAINING EARLY RESERVATION. EMBASSY IS ATTEMPTING TO GET SUCH FLIGHT THROUGH PANAM, BUT DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE UNCLASSIFIED

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AWARE OF DIFFICULTIES IN THIS REGARD.

3. ALTHOUGH WE HOPE TO BE OF ASSISTANCE TO THE FAMILY, WE WANT TO KEEP DEPT ADVISED OF POSSIBLE PUBLIC RELATIONS CONSEQUENCES. MURPHY

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